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FOLLOWING IS TEXT, EXCERPTED FROM VERBATIM RECORD, OF FONMIN
AGUSTSSON'S REMARKS TO THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING DECEMBER 10
ON THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE ISSUE:

"THE OTHER PROBLEM TO WHICH I REFERRED CONCERNS THE REVI-
SION OF THE DEFENCE AGREEMENT OF 1951 BETWEEN ICELAND AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF
NEGOTIATION IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT THE ARRANGE-
MENT AT PRESENT IN FORCE CAN BE MODIFIED SO THAT A MUTUALLY
SATISFACTORY SYSTEM CAN BE WORKED OUT. IN THAT CONNECTION,
WE ARE THOROUGHLY EXPLORING THREE OPTIONS, NAMELY, FIRST, THE
STATUS QUO -- WHICH IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MY GOVERNMENT --
SECOND, THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE DEFENCE FORCE FROM ICE-
LAND -- WHICH APPEARS NOT TO BE ACCEPTALBE TO THE UNITED STATES
AND OUR OTHER ALLIES IN NATO -- AND THIRD, THE POSSIBILITY

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OF THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE BASE, IN OTHER WORDS THE
STATIONING OF TROOPS ELSEWHERE AND THE ASSUMPTIONS OF ADDI-
TIONAL FUNCTIONS BY CIVILIANS, INCLUDING ICELANDIC CIVILIANS.
WE ARE CONCENTRATING OUR ATTENTION ON THE THIRD OPTION AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED SOME

PROPOSALS TO THIS EFFECT. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY NEXT AND WE WILL THEN LOOK FURTHER INTO THESE POSSIBILITIES. UPON THE CONCLUSION OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS THE WHOLE MATTER WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ICELANDIC PARLIAMENT."
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